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- A. European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0795583 published by the European Patent Office on September 17, 1997;
  - B. U.S. Patent No. 4,242,463 issued to Sanok, et al. on December 30, 1980; and
- C. European Patent Application Publication No. 0302400 published by European Patent Office on February 8, 1999.

The above-listed prior arts are cited in the Search Report of February 27, 2004 issued by the European Patent Office for European Patent Application No. EP 04000160 which is a counterpart application to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

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